Amendment Bill to SEZ Act, 2005

2574. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have advised the Government of Maharashtra to forward an Amendment Bill to Special Economic Zones Act, 2005 to meet their local requirements.

(b) if so, whether the State Government have forwarded any Amendment Bill in this regard; and

(c) if so, when it was forwarded and by when it is to be placed before the Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Financial incentives to growers of Tea, Mushroom in Uttaranchal

2575. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to grant financial incentives to the Tea, Mushroom and other products growers in the hilly and backwards areas of Uttaranchal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) During the 10th Plan period, Tea Board has been extending subsidy as admissible under its Tea Plantation Development Scheme. The State of Uttaranchal is being treated as a non-traditional area for the purpose of granting subsidy for new planting by the small growers. For new planting and also for uprooting of old tea areas for replanting or replacement planting, subsidy @ Rs. 69,000/- per hectare is provided. Subsidy is also given for rejuvenation, pruning & infilling, inter-row planting in the rejuvenation pruned areas and for creation of irrigation facilities. Financial support is also being extended by the Tea Board for setting up of self help groups by the small tea growers.